Quick Hits: Arts, Culture & Creativity

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Our focus is on strengthening Indiana through arts and creativity.
Why Arts in Community Matter
Quality of life matters in people’s decisions to move or stay, and it drives how attached they feel to where they live. 

Knight Foundation and Urban Institute’s *Community Ties: Understanding What Attaches People to the Place Where they Live*

Neighborhoods with more arts activities see increases in housing, population, and school test scores along with a decrease in crime.

Knight Foundation
Civic Engagement

People with access to arts and cultural activities are more attached to their communities – in both feelings and action.

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**Arts engagement increases civic involvement by 86%**.

Metris, *Adding it Up*

**Arts engagement doubles the likelihood of voting from 44% to 84% in young people 18 – 24.**

Arts and Humanities Research Council: *Participatory Arts and Political Engagement*
Children and Youth with ongoing access to arts experiences have:

- **reduced** discipline problems
- **improved** writing scores
- **increased** empathy
- **Increased** academic engagement

and are:

- **2X** as likely to graduate college.
- **5X** less likely to drop out.

$1 spent on the arts per child saves $9 on other costs.

Americans for the Arts and Indiana Arts Commission
Research on older adults in community-based art programs run by professional artists, show that these cultural programs reduce risk factors that drive the need for long-term care and have better health outcomes over time.

National Endowment for the Arts, 2006
Older Adults with ongoing access to arts experiences have:

• **An improvement** in overall health.
• **A decrease** in doctor visits.
• **A decrease** in falls.
• **A decrease** in loneliness.
• **An improvement** in morale.

National Endowment for the Arts, 2006
What positive outcomes from Arts & Creativity have you seen in your community?
Community Engagement
What challenges or opportunities exist in your community that arts and creativity might help address?
How can philanthropy come alongside this work?
Programs

Arts Project Support
$5,000 • Annual Program • No Match Required
- Funding supports a one-time or series of projects

• Application Deadline Early March Annually
Services

Regional Support Network

Technical Assistance

Site Visits

Capacity Building/Project Planning
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